

1/2 Pound - Montreal Division - Black Consumption Stamps - 63 x 47 mm. - (1874-1883)

[Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, of May 2002]

"In September of 1869, the square BOX and CADDY excise stamps were supplemented by twelve new stamps in six denominations for consumption (black) and for warehouse (red). The denomination of these items represented the maximum weight of tobacco to which they could be affixed. Unlike other BABN tobacco stamps in use up to that time, the new denominated stamps were produced from steel plates (intaglio).

The *small* stamp was initially issued in denominations of one-quarter, one-half and one pound. In February of 1880 a one-tenth pound stamp was prepared for use in the Windsor Division. The duty collected by these stamps was to be the full amount represented by their denomination, regardless of the actual weight of tobacco in the package.

In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubberstamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used."

The catalogue lists the Montreal Division one-half pound black consumption stamps as follows:

RM-85 - 1/2 pound, black, Montreal, perf 12, on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh medium wove, with 5 mm. blue controls, inscribed *Dunbar Browne* Coll. I.R.

RM-86 - RM-85 stamped *J.L. Vincent / Acting Coll.*

Chris Ryan records that *Dunbar Browne* was replaced as the Primary Collector at Montreal by *J. L. Vincent* on May 1st 1879. These stamps had to be prepared prior to *Dunbar Browne*'s dismissal as Collector, and thus **RM-85** was prepared under the **2nd BABN Contract** (1873-1878).

1st BABN Contract (1868-1873)

John McKay reports that 66,000 copies of "1/2 lb. S. M. R. Black" were delivered. Prior to 1874, these would be Division Open.

2nd BABN Contract (1873-1878)

John McKay reports that 70,000 copies of "1/2 lb. Black Tobacco" were delivered. Probably 50,000 for Division Open; 10,000 for Montreal and 10,000 for the Toronto Division. This is his final listing.

--- The "theoretical" control number range of the black 1/2 pound Montreal Division stamps ---

RM-85 - 1/2 pound, black, Montreal Division, on *block wmkd* medium wove - *Dunbar Browne* **00001** to **10000**

RM-86 - RM-85 stamped *J. L. Vincent / Acting Coll.* from the above

--- The "actual" control number range, as recorded to date ---

RM-85 - 1/2 pound black, Montreal Division, on *block wmkd* medium wove - *Dunbar Browne* **00258** to **00291**

RM-86 - RM-85 stamped *J. L. Vincent / Acting Coll.* **01724** to **04519**

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--- on *block watermarked* medium wove at Ottawa under the 2nd BABN Contract - design 63 x 47 mm ---

--- perf 12 - with 5 mm. blue controls - scanned at 100% scale - inscribed. *Dunbar Browne, Coll. I.R.* ---

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★ **RM-85** - 1/2 pound, black, Montreal Division, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove, control number **00269**, used by Licensee # 3, dated 22 - 78 in May 1878

00258	05/78	RM-85	1/2 pound, black, Montreal Division, perforated 12, on block wmkd wove used by Licensee # 3, dated 22 - 78 in black ink
00269 ★	05/78	RM-85	1/2 pound, black, Montreal Division, perforated 12, on block wmkd wove, used by Licensee # 3, dated 22 - 78 in black ink
00284	05/78	RM-85	1/2 pound, black, Montreal Division, perforated 12, on block wmkd wove, used by Licensee # 3, dated 22 - 78 in black ink
00291	05/78	RM-85	1/2 pound, black, Montreal Division, perforated 12, on block wmkd wove, used by Licensee # 3, dated 22 - 78 in black ink



★ **RM-85n** - 1/2 pound, Montreal Division, black, perf 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove, *without* control numbering

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--- on *block watermarked* medium wove at Ottawa under the 2nd BABN Contract - design 63 x 47 mm ---

--- perf 12 - with 5 mm. blue controls - inscribed *Dunbar Browne, Coll. I.R.* - scanned at 100% scale ---

--- stamped *J.L. Vincent / Acting Coll.* ---

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RM-86 - RM-85 stamped *J.L. Vincent / Acting Coll.*



★ **RM-86** - 1/2 pound, black, Montreal Division, perf 12 (clipped), on *block wmkd* medium wove, control number **04519**, used by Licensee # 16, dated **23-82** for June 1882 - stamped *J.L. Vincent / Acting Coll.*

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1/2 pound, Montreal Division, black, on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh wove
1/2 pound, Montreal Division, black, on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh wove,
stamped *J.L. Vincent / Acting Coll.* used by Licensee # 16
dated **23 - 82**, in June 1882

Chris Ryan reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No.41, of March 2003 that all CADDY and BOX stamps were discontinued as of July 1st 1883. At that time they were probably recalled for destruction and about half of the stamps saw usage.

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